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FOLL REPEAT DAR ES SALAAM 1577 ACTION SECSTATE INFO KIGALI,
KINSHASA AND NAIROBI 20 MAY 75:

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC (SMUTS, BARBARA AND STEVE SMITH AND CARRIE HUNTER)

1. AMERICAN MISSIONARY IN KIGOMA, TANZANIA, HAS REPORTED
THAT THREE AMERICANS AND ONE DUTCH STUDENTS WERE FORCEFULLY
KIDNAPPED NIGHT OF MAY 19/20 FROM GOMBE GAME RESEARCH CENTER.
THE THREE AMERICANS ARE ALL GRADUATE OR UNDER-GRADUATE
STUDENTS IN THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY PROJECT AT GOMBE, CONNECTED
WITH MISS JANE GODALL. NAMES ARE AS FOLLOWS: BARBARA
SMUTS; STEVE SMITH; CARRIE HUNTER. DUTCH STUDENT IS EMILIE
VAN ZIN NICQ BERGMAN. NO FURTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION IS
PRESENTLY AVAILABLE.

2. DUTCH NOTIFIED LOCALLY.

3. CENTER IS LOCATED ABOUT 17 MILES NORTH OF TOWN OF KIGOMA
ON NORTHEAST SHORE OF LAKE TANGANYIKA. APPARENTLY THERE WERE
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DOZENS OF WITNESSES TO THE ATTACK. THE REPORT INDICATED

THAT ARMED AFRICANS ARRIVED AT THE CENTER BY BOAT, BEATING
SOME OF THE LOCAL STAFF AND THEN TAKING THE FOUR PEOPLE
NAMED AT GUN POINT TO THE BOATS.

4. REQUEST FURTHER IDENTIFICATION OF MISSING STUDENTS.
DEFER TO DEPT AS REGARDS NOTIFICATIONS TO FAMILIES.
WILL ADVISE AS FURTHER INFO BECOMES AVAILA)3.
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